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TO CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII PRIORITY 1195  
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ICA VISITORS CENTER HONOLULU

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISPUTED ISLAND NEGOTIATIONS - JOINT STATE-DEFENSE  
MESSAGE

1. THE USG INTENDS TO NEGOTIATE A TREATY WITH THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF TUVALU AND THE UK REGARDING DISPUTED  
CLAIMS TO FOUR ISLANDS IN TUVALU. WE HAD PLANNED TO  
HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-8  
BUT TUVALU DELEGATION NOW UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF  
CONFLICT WITH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WITH THE AGREEMENT  
OF TUVALU WE NOW PLAN TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN HONOLULU  
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

2. US DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF WILLIAM BODDE, EA/PIA  
DIRECTOR AND LEADER OF DELEGATION; STEPHEN ORLINS, L/EA;  
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MORRIS BUSBY, OES; ROBERT SMITH, OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER, AND  
A DOD REPRESENTATIVE. DOD WOULD PREFER THAT ITS  
REPRESENTATIVE BE PROVIDED BY CINCPAC. MS. PATRICIA HILL  
EA/PIA, WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION.

3. WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ONE OR TWO DAYS.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE, AND THE ANTICIPATED NEED TO SHIFT THE SITE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FROM WASHINGTON TO HONOLULU, WE REQUEST YOUR URGENT ASSISTANCE IN MAKING SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

4. FOR CINCPAC: REQUEST YOU NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATING SESSION, AS FOLLOWS:

A. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS ONLY. UNDERSTAND CINCPAC POLAD MAY ALREADY HAVE MADE THESE ARRANGEMENTS, AT REEF HOTEL.

B. MEETING ROOM. THIS COULD BE AT CINCPAC HEADQUARTERS OR OTHER SUITABLE LOCATION. HAWAII GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN BEING MORE INVOLVED IN PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS AND MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO REQUEST TO PROVIDE SUITABLE MEETING ROOM FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE WE DO NOT YET KNOW SIZE OF TUVALU DELEGATION OR BRITISH DELEGATION, IF ANY, BELIEVE A MEETING ROOM THAT COULD COMFORTABLY SEAT TWENTY PERSONS WOULD BE ADEQUATE. WE DEFER TO CINCPAC'S JUDGMENT AS TO LOCATION AND SELECTION OF MEETING ROOM THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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C. TRANSPORTATION. MOTOR POOL SUPPORT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY FOR TUVALU DELEGATION. TOTAL OF TWO OR THREE LARGE SEDANS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS OF BOTH US AND TUVALUANS.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, SUCH AS OFFICE SUPPLIES AND TELEPHONE. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE MINOR, AND WILL BASICALLY DEPEND ON WHERE THE CONFERENCE ROOM IS LOCATED.

5. FOR SUVA: REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING NAMES AND TRAVEL PLANS OF TUVALU DELEGATION MEMBERS. WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY TUVALUANS WILL BE LEAVING FIJI ON FRIDAY NIGHT FLIGHT ARRIVING HONOLULU FRIDAY MORNING. PLEASE CONFIRM. VANCE

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